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District Man Pleads Guilty to Sexually Assaulting 14-Year-Old Girl and Kidnapping Her 17-Year-Old Male Friend - Defendant Linked to Crime by Fingerprint and DNA Evidence -

WASHINGTON - Stephen Wise, 22, of Washington, D.C., has pled guilty to an armed attack in which he sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl and kidnapped a 17-year-old youth who was with her, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

Wise pled guilty on July 21, 2011, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, to charges of first degree child sexual abuse while armed and kidnapping. The Honorable Thomas J. Motley scheduled sentencing for October 7, 2011. If the Court accepts the plea agreement, Wise will be sentenced to 22 years in prison. He also will be required to register as a sex offender.

According to the government's evidence, on December 27, 2010, at about 7 p.m., the victims went to the National Zoo to see the holiday lights. Upon leaving the zoo shortly before 9 p.m., they drove for some period of time before parking in the 6600 block of 13th Street NW.

Shortly before midnight, as they sat in the car, a masked man – later identified through fingerprint and DNA evidence as Stephen Wise – appeared at the passenger side window. He was armed with a loaded semi-automatic pistol. Once the passenger side door was open, Wise pointed the gun at the teenagers' heads and demanded money. After they told him they had no money, he raped the 14-year-old female. During the attack, Wise forced the 17-year-old male to remain in the car. Afterward, Wise got out of the car and ordered the teenagers to drive away. The teenagers rode off and immediately reported the crimes.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). He acknowledged the work of Youth Investigations Division Detectives Scott Dowling, Barbara Rauf-Johnson, Jonathan Andrews, Kenneth Carter, Sean Crowley, Maria Flores, Damion Johnson, Linda Knight and Darryn

Robinson; Detective Alexander MacBean and Detective Sgt. Ronald Reid, of the Sexual Assault Unit; Detective Elgin Wheeler from the Fourth District, and Detective Antonio Duncan from the MPD/U.S. Marshals Service's Fugitive Task Force.

He also cited the work of Mobile Crime Officers Kemper Agee, Thomas Coughlin, Eric Coker, John Holder, Robert McCollum and James Savage; Fourth District Patrol Officers Eldrid Boria and Jennifer Keavery; Fingerprint Analyst Mary Jones, and Forensic Scientist Nicole Kaye.

In addition, U.S. Attorney Machen recognized those who handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Durand Odom, of the Criminal Investigations Unit; Victim Witness Advocate Tracey Hawkins; Paralegal Jason Manuel, and Legal Assistant Charmonique Price. He also praised the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharon Donovan, who prosecuted the case.

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